



*Washoe County  
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After waiting fourteen months, Amy Harvey, Washoe County Clerk, will have her day in Court. On Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. the Nevada Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case of Harvey v. Second Judicial District Court.

Clerk Harvey asserts that the Judges of the Second Judicial District Court usurped authority that is specifically designated to the County Clerk as ex officio Clerk of the Court in the Nevada State Constitution. Ms. Harvey further states that Washoe County is the only county in Nevada which has a specific ordinance allowing the District Court to remove statutorily appointed deputy clerks from their status as county employees and reclassify them as "judicial employees".

Harvey contends the ordinance passed in 1974 violates the State Constitution and the Nevada Revised Statutes. "I believe the clerk's designation set up in the Constitution is part of the checks and balances system of our government. The current practice is contrary to this fundamental concept and only exists in Washoe County."

The Clerk of the Court has responsibilities designated by the Nevada Revised Statutes which hold her accountable for the actions of the "judicial employees". Without management discretion or authority over these employees it is inappropriate for her to be held accountable.

Anyone interested in listening to the presentation of issues is invited to attend. The Nevada Supreme Court is located at 201 South Carson Street, Second Floor, Carson City, NV. Parking is available at the garage on the corner of Stewart and Fifth Street in Carson City.

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